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## GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS HESTER TO PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Dan Hester** of St. Pauls to the N.C. Board of Public Telecommunications.

Hester is a driver's license examiner with the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles in Elizabethtown. He is a member of the faculty with the N.C. Institute of Political Leadership and served in the U.S. Army. Hester received the Associated Press Enterprise Award in 1986, the Outstanding Public Service Award from the N.C. Special Olympics in 1987 and the Public Service Award from Boy Scouts of America in 1990. He attended the Womack Selinia Business College in Lumberton.

The board sets policies to be implemented by staff concerning means of meeting the Agency for Public Telecommunication's goals to bring citizens and government closer together, to increase efficiency of government operations and to improve access to government services, all through public telecommunications. The board's goals are to see that each citizen has access to at least one public radio signal and to interconnect public radio. The board has 27 members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 13 members.

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